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In re Application of:

Schaller, et al.

Serial No.: 10/653,027

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Title: TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS

AND METHODS

Examiner: Unassigned

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Group Art Unit: 3731

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 25, 2003 in the above-identified application from January 25, 2004 to April 26, 2004 (April 25<sup>th</sup> was a Sunday).

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

			Large Entity		Small Entity
[]	One month	[]	\$ 110	[]	\$ 55
[]	Two months	[]	\$ 420	[]	\$210
[X]	Three months	[]	\$ 950	[X]	\$475
[]	Four months	[]	\$1,480	[]	\$740
[]	Five months	[]	\$2,010	[]	\$1,005

[X] Applicant is a small entity.

- [] The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to Deposit Account No. \*.
- [X] Authorization to charge the \$475.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1947</u> is provided on the Fee Transmittal. A duplicate copy of that document is attached for that purpose.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>additional</u> fees which may be required, or credit any <u>overpayment</u>, to Deposit Account <u>No. 50-1947</u>, referencing Attorney Docket No. <u>CSI-2008C2</u>.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that other relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2008C2. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 26, 2004

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